Refund of Draft Making Charges to Dealers

3634. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2582 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March 1999 and state:

(a) the actual draft making charges for petrol and diesel borne by the Jubilee pumps and run by the officer of Oil Corporations on the stations other then the stations of terminals/depots;

(b) whether the similar amount is being refunded to the petrol pump dealers for such charges;

(c) if not, the reasons for discrimination;

(d) by what time the oil corporations/Government would issue the orders to refund the actual amount to the dealers; and

(e) the impact of less amount of refund on the economies of petrol pump dealers belonging to SC/ST and defence category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E.PONNUSWAMY): (a) In case of Jubilee ROs and Outlets run by the Officers of the Oil Corporation (Company Owned Company Operated) the product is moved on stock transfer basis. Hence no Expenses on Demand Draft charges are incurred by the operator, as he does not have to pay for the product as in the case of other retail outlets.

(b) In other cases, the dealers are reimbursed an amount of Rs.40/—per KL in case of Motor Spirit and Rs. 16/ — per KL in case of High Speed Diesel towards the Demand Draft charges incurred by them.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Operation of Motor Vehicles Through Alcohol

3635. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval to operate motor vehicles through alcohol in the country has been accorded to;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the parts of the country where this scheme is proposed to be initiated from; and

(d) the estimate of the savings in the consumption petrol by initiating the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) As intimated by the Ministry of Surface Transport, under Section 52 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 alterationiin motor vehicles for its operation by different types of fuel or source of energy, including battery, compressed natural gas, solar power or any other fuel or source of energy other than liquid petroleum gas is permissible.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas propose to take up pilot projects in U.P. and Maharashtra to ascertain the effects of using ethanol blended auto-fuel on the environment and to examine operational and financial aspects.

Availing of Sales Tax Incentive by RPL

3636. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited have been allowed to avail Sales Tax incentive under composite scheme as'per which it can opt for certain transactions under exemption and certain transactions under deferment scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the transactions covered under exemption and deferment scheme separately; and

(c) the anticipated financial incentives per annum in crores when the Plants run on full capacity i.e. 27 million tonnes per annum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E.PONNUSWAMY): (a) M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL) have been granted eligibility certificate for sales tax incentives by the State Government of Gujarat. The scheme permits RPL to avail sales tax exemption and/or deferment benefits. Under this scheme, RPL has opted for sales tax composite benefits. Accordingly, it can avail of sales tax exemption and/or sales tax defervent.

(b) M/s RPL have opted to exercise exemption option for 1/3 of the sales tax amount payable on its controlled petroleum products and deferment option for the remaining amount.

(c) As the amounts of sales tax payable under the Central Sales Tax Act and State sales tax laws of Gujarat State depend on variable factors like quantities of controlled petroleum products of RPL consumed within and outside the